

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 58th Legislature (2021)

3 HOUSE BILL 1691

By: Newton

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to emergency vehicles; amending 47  
8 O.S. 2011, Section 12-227, as amended by Section 2,  
9 Chapter 187, O.S.L. 2016 (47 O.S. Supp. 2020, Section  
10 12-227), which relates to special restriction on  
11 lamps; restricting the use of certain lamps; and  
12 providing an effective date.

13 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

14 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 2011, Section 12-227, as  
15 amended by Section 2, Chapter 187, O.S.L. 2016 (47 O.S. Supp. 2020,  
16 Section 12-227), is amended to read as follows:

17 Section 12-227. A. Any lighted lamp or illuminating device  
18 upon a motor vehicle, other than headlamps, spot lamps, auxiliary  
19 driving lamps, flashing turn signals, vehicular hazard warning  
20 lamps, authorized emergency vehicle lamps, snow removal and  
21 construction and maintenance vehicle warning lamps, and school bus  
22 and church bus warning lamps, which projects a beam of light of an  
23 intensity greater than three hundred (300) candlepower shall be so  
24 directed that no part of the high intensity portion of the beam will

1 strike the level of the roadway on which the vehicle stands at a  
2 distance of more than seventy-five (75) feet from the vehicle.

3 B. Except as provided in Sections 12-218, 12-218.1, 12-228~~7~~ and  
4 12-229 of this title, no person shall drive or move any vehicle or  
5 equipment upon any highway with any lamp or device thereon  
6 displaying or capable of displaying a red or blue light visible from  
7 directly in front of the center thereof.

8 C. Flashing lights are prohibited except on:

9 1. An authorized emergency vehicle, as provided in Section 12-  
10 218 of this title;

11 2. A school bus or a church bus, as provided in Section 12-228  
12 of this title;

13 3. Any snow-removal, construction and maintenance equipment, as  
14 provided in Section 12-229 of this title;

15 4. A wrecker or tow vehicle while at the scene of an emergency  
16 or loading or unloading a vehicle in close proximity to traffic as  
17 needed for safety precautions or as a means of indicating the  
18 presence of a vehicular traffic hazard requiring unusual care in  
19 approaching, overtaking or passing, as provided in Section 12-218.1  
20 of this title;

21 5. Any vehicle as a means of indicating a right or left turn,  
22 as provided in Sections 12-206.1 and 12-606 of this title;

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1       6. Any vehicle as a means of indicating the presence of a  
2 vehicular traffic hazard requiring unusual care in approaching,  
3 overtaking or passing, as provided in Section 12-220 of this title;

4       7. Any vehicle displaying side marker lamps which flash in  
5 conjunction with turn signal lamps or vehicle hazard warning lamps,  
6 as provided in Section 12-220 of this title;

7       8. A farm tractor or an implement of husbandry, as provided in  
8 Section 12-215 of this title;

9       9. Any vehicle used while performing official duties as a rural  
10 or contract route mail carrier of the United States Postal Service,  
11 as provided in Section 12-218.2 of this title; or

12       10. Any vehicle being used in the collection of refuse, solid  
13 waste or recyclables displaying side marker lamps which flash in  
14 conjunction with turn signal lamps or vehicle hazard warning lamps  
15 indicating the presence of a vehicular traffic hazard requiring  
16 unusual care in approaching, overtaking or passing, as provided in  
17 Section 12-220 of this title.

18       D. ~~Blue~~ A combination of blue and red lights are prohibited  
19 except as allowed in Sections 12-218, 12-218.1, and 12-229 of this  
20 title.

21       E. Any person violating the provisions of subsection B, C or D  
22 of this section shall, upon conviction, be guilty of a misdemeanor  
23 punishable by imprisonment in the county jail not exceeding six (6)

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1 months, or by a fine not exceeding Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00),  
2 or by both such fine and imprisonment.

3 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2021.

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